

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CHRISTINA WIND, et al.,
Plaintiff,
v.
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. 1:25-cv-00266-JLT-HBK

ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION AND
DIRECTING CLERK TO ENTER STAY OF
ENTIRE ACTION

(Doc. No. 47)

Pending before the Court is the Parties joint request to stay this action filed on December 17, 2025. (Doc. No. 47). The Parties request a complete stay of this action for the purpose of participating in private mediation, currently scheduled for March 10-11, 2026. (*Id.* at 2).

The court is vested with broad discretion to stay a case. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 705 (1997) (citing *Landis v. North American Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936)). As a rule, “stays should not be indefinite in nature.” *Dependable Highway Exp., Inc. v. Navigators Ins. Co.*, 498 F.3d 1059, 1066-67 (9th Cir. 2007). If a stay is especially long or indefinite, a greater showing is required to justify it and the court must “balance the length of any stay against the strength of the justification given for it.” *Yong v. I.N.S.*, 208 F.3d 1116, 1119 (9th Cir. 2000).

The Court finds in its discretion that a stay of this action is appropriate so that the Parties may direct their resources and attention to private mediation. During the stay, all proceedings and discovery and any pending deadlines or hearings are vacated. However, the parties may

1 informally exchange information under the protective order entered in this case to prepare for
2 mediation.

3 Accordingly, it is ORDERED:

4 1. The Parties' joint motion this action (Doc. No. 47) is GRANTED and the Court
5 STAYS this case until further order by the Court.

6 2. The Court VACATES the initial scheduling conference set for February 5, 2026
7 and all associated deadlines.


8 3. Within **fourteen (14) days** of the mediation's conclusion, the Parties shall file a
9 "Joint Post Mediation Status Report" regarding the result of the mediation.

10 4. The substance of the mediation is confidential, and no party, lawyer, or other
11 participant may record, or without approval of the Court may disclose any event, including any
12 statement confirming or denying a fact—except settlement—that occurs during the mediation.

13 5. If the Parties reach a settlement at the mediation, a notice of settlement shall
14 promptly be filed with the Court. *See* Local Rule 160(a). Dispositional documents are due no
15 more than twenty-one (21) days from the filing of the notification, absent good cause. *See* Local
16 Rule 160(b).

17 6. If the case does not settle, the Parties shall include in their Joint Post Mediation
18 Status Report a date for Defendants' responsive pleading and a proposed initial scheduling
19 conference date.

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21 Dated: December 18, 2025


HELENA M. BARCH-KUCHTA
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE